

FRIENDLY HILLS SCHOOL

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Principal's Page March Madness

No, no, no. Friendly Hills is not going to make the NCAA Tournament this year; however, we certainly have some super stars and enormous challenges ahead of us as spring is almost upon us. Let us celebrate our stars and then set our sights on the new galaxies of scholastic achievement.

I would like to begin by highlighting the superb awards assembly conducted for our Jr. High students. The 7th/8th graders unquestionably are deserving of accolades. They, along with a number of supportive families came out to celebrate both academic and extracurricular achievement. Similarly, the Kindergarten through Sixth graders were honored early in the month. As many of you saw on our local news, a Friendly Parent, Ms. Karen Brenneman owner of Electric Islands Tanning Salon, donated her 'time' to celebrate our perfect attendees. This awards assembly also reminded us that No Parking means NO PARKING NO MATTER WHAT! Please, be mindful of our neighbors as they have had No Parking Zones established across the street. I know that we can all work together and overcome this minor parking dilemma. With that said, here's to the students, staff, and parents that make Friendly Hills the wonderful place that it is today.

Now, it's time to talk Turkey, or would it be Leprechauns my dear fellow? March marks the beginning of the standardized test season with our 4th and 7th graders taking their annual California Standards Test in writing. Simply put, California has the most rigorous academic standards in the nation. Consequently, the assessments that measure these standards are tough, no doubt about it. Please, remember that standardized testing is just like any other challenging sport. The players, or students, have to be prepared to show what they know. This means that an unbelievable night's sleep, a great breakfast, and a wonderful mood are required to be successful. It's time to enforce those bed times and ensure that your son or daughter is able to demonstrate the knowledge they have acquired this year.

I want to again thank you all for the support you provide our school, the teachers, and especially your sons and daughters. They are unbelievably precious gifts that have been bestowed upon all of us. I know that I am thankful the opportunity to work with your most prized possessions. Now, with testing upon us, it is time to let them shine.

Heath D. Papp, Principal
Friendly Hills Elementary School

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- 3/1 Awards Assemblies
- 3/6 Family Reading Rally
- 3/11 District Science Fair
- 3/25 Family Math Night
- 3/26 Class Photos
- 4/5-9 Spring Break



FAMILY READING RALLY 2004

The kids all smiled,
Thinking of books, treats and
tricks -

"Come to the Rally!
It's coming March six!"

A Rally for Reading!
A Rally for you!
With so many wonderful
Things you can do!

Some things you can make
Some things you can see
Some things you can learn
And all things are FREE!

Get your face painted
Have fun, take a look!
Go around the whole world
Just by reading a book!

And then when you're done
Doing all that you do
You think that you're finished
But.....

There's just one more stop
That you must give a look
It's the place that you'll go
To pick out your free book!

So, come to the Rally!
Come and have FUN!
You'll be glad that you did
You'll be glad what you've
done!



What: Family Reading
Rally, 2004

Who: All of the Morongo
Basin is invited!

When: Saturday, March 6

Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Where: Copper Mountain
College

All activities are FREE. The first 500 children participating will receive a FREE book courtesy of Morongo Teachers Association.

California Young Reader Medal Month -

The California Young Reader Medal program encourages recreational reading of popular literature among young people of our state. Since its inception in 1974, millions of California children have nominated, read and voted for the winners of the California Young Reader Medal.

Our library is displaying all the books in our collection that were past nominees and winners of the CYRM. Our students are enjoying reading some of their past favorites and finding new favorites. This month we are voting for:

PRIMARY CATEGORY:

"Book! Book! Book!" by Deborah Bruss
"Dumpy La Rue" by Elizabeth Winthrop
"A Fine, Fine School" by Sharon Creech
"Mice and Beans" by Pam Munoz Ryan
"The Name Jar" by Yangsook Choi

INTERMEDIATE CATEGORY:

"The Kite Fighters" by Linda Sue Parks
"Love That Dog" by Sharon Creech
"The School Story" by Andrew Clement

Mrs. K. will be sending in our results at the end of this month. We should hear who was the favorite by the end of May. Paddington and Mrs. K. had so much fun during the Science Fair. With all the projects in the library, they "hit the road". Paddington loves riding in his wagon, but the most fun is seeing the classrooms and reading stories.

Paddington Pals for the month of February are:

Seyene Bolivar (Mrs. Seacat - K)	Candace Cook (Mrs. Hesse - 1)
Tiffany Aflaki (Ms. Subriar - 2)	Jordan Fisher (Mrs. Tilson - 3)
Matt Boling (Mrs. Friedman - 4)	Justice Izer (Mrs. Reed - 5)
Breanna Schoenfeldt (Mrs. Strader - 6)	

Until next month, Mrs. K. and Paddington

FRIENDLY HILLS ELEMENTARY ASSOCIATION

The Friendly Hills Elementary Association has been at work this month, doing the business of the parents. Friendly Hills Elementary is fast becoming one of a very few schools where every child has at least one fieldtrip opportunity. Fieldtrips happen because we have an active parent group who work hard to insure that we fundraise in order that students can have the "extras". Please consider becoming an active parent volunteer. We can always use the dedicated help.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 9th at 6:30 p.m.

Kudos this month to Eli Colegio who volunteers, faithfully, to oversee popcorn sales every other Friday all year long! Mrs. Marilyn Burkett has returned to help him out and she doesn't



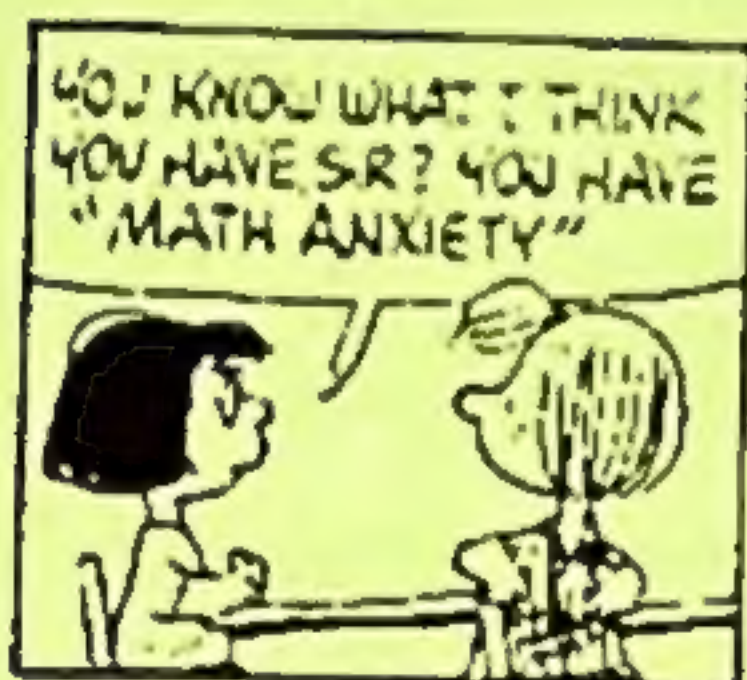
even have a child in school here! Now that's dedication! What are you doing to help out at your son or daughter's school?

A special thank you to Mrs. Korcha, who quietly and regularly collects, trims, counts and sends in all those Campbell soup labels and Boxtops for Education.

Many hands taking care of the countless small tasks help to make this group successful

Become part of this super group of parents!

Family Math Night



Did you know that in a group of 23 people, there is a better than 50% chance that two of them have the same birthday. Come and discover fun curiosities, great games and puzzles and learn about the mysteries of math. You may also finally be able to get over your math anxiety.

Several of our teachers will be presenting family activities in their classrooms on **MARCH 25 FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.**

Come at 6:30 p.m. to solve this problem:

Question:

"What do you get when you add 2 scoops of ice cream and one can of Root Beer?"

Answer:

"The great \$1.00 parent group ice cream float"

Spring Break
will be from
April 5 through
April 9.

100-mile Club...they keep on running!

Congratulations go out to Sarah Byrne in Mrs. Mann's third grade class. Sarah is the first student at Friendly Hills, this year, to reach 100 miles in our Hundred Mile Club. She'll receive her trophy in June.

Congratulations to Sarah and all the other athletes running. Keep up the good work and enjoy this healthy life-long activity. Who else will be crossing that 100-mile mark? We'll have to wait and see!



The Yearbooks Are Coming.....

Again, this year, we will be having a school-wide yearbook. Every student will be represented with their classmates with plenty of room for signatures. There will also be a dedication page that parents of our graduates can sponsor with a special message to their son or daughter. Watch for ordering information to come home soon. Presale yearbooks, prior to March 12, will be at a cost of \$10.00 each. After March 12, the price goes up to \$15.00 each. So, act soon, order your Friendly Hills annual today!

Summer School Information-

Summer School, 2004, will start later in the Summer this year, so plan ahead! Classes will be held for four weeks, Monday through Thursday, from July 12 to August 5. This will enable families to vacation right when school lets out in June and when your children are just beginning to face boredom, an exciting Summer School session will begin. Students will be able to "brush up" on their skills, ready to begin a new school year on Thursday, August 26. So, start looking ahead and watch for Summer School sign-ups in May. Elementary aged students will attend Yucca Valley Elementary while our junior high aged students will attend their summer session at La Contenta Middle School.

*Coming Together is
A Beginning;
Keeping Together
Is Progress;
Working Together
Is Success.*

**Please call
the school
every time
your child is
absent.**



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Friendly Hills is dedicated to ensuring that students acquire the necessary skills to be high achievers, exemplary citizens and life long, self motivated learners.

**Look for our school Web
site at "Morongo.k12.
ca.us/schools/morfh**

Our Story

Friendly Hills School was founded in 1988 as part of the Morongo Unified School District. Since it's inception, the school has been instrumental in the education of more than 4000 students. Our first kindergarten class graduated from high school in the year 2000. We are confident that those students, and all who will follow, leave this school with a strong, well rounded education. Our tradition has been one of academic excellence, high student expectations and an education rich in the arts. As we move into the future, Friendly Hills continues to lead in these areas as well as emerging as an innovator in the area of technology. We attribute our success to a talented, dedicated staff, caring parents and wonderful students.

SCHOOL BASED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL NEWS

The School Based Management Council is a decision making body within the school.

*If you are
interested in
becoming a parent
member of this
committee, please
call Mr. Papp*

This committee puts together a Site Based Plan each year that outlines how money for special programs will be spent. It is made up of an equal number of parents and staff.

eral readjusted monies as well as our Federal carryovers. This included a substantial amount of money for technology and training for our teachers to bring Friendly Hills into compliance with both State and Federal Laws. Additionally, every teacher had the opportunity to request specific instructional materials to augment the already successful programs we have in place at Friendly Hills. I want to personally thank the staff, the council members, and all who support this school as it attempts to meet an ever increasing goal of educating students in the current educational setting of high stakes testing and accountability.

At the beginning of the calendar year, the SBMC met and approved budgets for our Fed-

Heath D. Papp, Principal



January Awards

2004

Teacher's Name	Student of the Month	Citizenship Award	Outstanding Effort	Writing Award
Mrs. Bernardini	Rebecca Line	Sydney Boling	Tia Jones	Luis Castellana
Mrs. Candelaria	Kiko Sharp	Daisy Mays	Matthew Bucio-Daniely	David Christian Hutton
Mr. Chambless	Krista Chinen	Brent Heller	Domenic Pasqualicchio	Trevor Morrow
Mrs. Feltges	Ryan Tiffany		Kevin Aflaki	
Mrs. Friedman	Marc Salomon	Katelynn Hannah	Sara Kennedy	Savanna King
Mr. Hesse	Mikayla Aguilar	Samantha Lane	Jack Campos	Elan Harnitz
Mrs. Hesse	William Perrance	Ashley Dollard	Cody O'Neil	Blake Browning
Mrs. Leal	Hailey Watts	Monique McEachern	Gina Hanna	Renee Robertson
Mrs. Mann	Sara Blevins	Winter Howard	Steven Levitt	Jaclyn Cuyno
Mrs. Mitz	Jeffrey Richards	Tiffany Cotney	Kelsey Hulse	Hanah Miller
Mrs. Reed	Caitlin Gibson	Austin Sixkiller	Desiree Russell	Jenna Fisher
Mrs. Reid-Laubenstein	Nicole Chartrand	Dakota Utley	Dennis G. av	Lexie McNamee
Mrs. Seacat	Mikayla McEachern	Katie Mello	Kimberly McCoilum	Shea Lainer
Mrs. Strader	Amber Peterson	Alisha Colagi	Kevin Current	Angie Resio
Ms. Subriar	Tristen Smith	Jordan Chartier	Jacob Prusso	Sean Loomis
Mrs. Tilson	Caleb Norman	Jesse Cave	Robert Perrance	Allie Cressy
Ms. Williams	Keith Gilbreth	Keith Gilbreth	DeVante Cooper	Kanneth Brown
Mrs. Winchell	Katelyn Sage	Calann Mulholland	Mark Tiffany	Erick McPherson

Friendly Hills School Science Fair, 2004

Kindergarten - Third Grade Collections

First Place

Jack Ingram
Elizabeth Schmelling

Second Place

Christopher Stevens

Third Place

Isaiah Thomas

Kindergarten - Third Grade Demonstrations

First Place

Sierra Zacks

Second Place

Tia Jones

Third Place

Sam O'Melia

Kindergarten - Third Grade Experiments

First Place

Laney Tucker

Second Place

Joey Hesse
Sage Smith

Third Place

Tim Hesse
Kylie Howell



Mrs. Bernardini's First and Second Grader's Class Project,
"Which Cereal Absorbs the Most Milk?" won 1st place and is going on to the District Science Fair

Fourth - Sixth Grade Experiments

First Place

Lauren Schmelling (Gr. 4) "Goat Head 3000 Sticker Picker Upper" (Invention)

Marissa Salomon (Gr. 6) "Water to Go" (Invention)

David Cuyno (Gr. 6) "Reaction Time" (Experiment)

Justin Howell (Gr. 6) "Oil and Water Don't Mix" (Experiment)

James Reed (Gr. 4) "Fire Proof Paper" (Experiment)

Sierra Smith (Gr. 6) "Alternative Energy Fuels" (Experiment)

Leanna White (Gr. 4) "Paper Towel Strength Test" (Experiment)

Andy Hesse (Gr. 4) "Mission Possible" (Experiment)

Congratulations to our 1st place winners who will go on to the MUSD Science Fair

2nd Place

Marc Salomon (Experiment)

Josh Line/Michael Korcha (Experiment)

Tatiana Alonso (Experiment)

Shelby Blair (Experiment)

3rd Place

Connie Carter (Experiment)

Hannah Miller (Experiment)

Makayla Archer (Experiment)

Melissa Phelps (Experiment)

Bella Monique (Experiment)

Ryan Rogers (Experiment)





SILVER APPLE AWARD

*Honoring Teachers
That Make a Difference.*

AN OPEN LETTER TO ADMINISTRATORS, PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS, PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

In 2003, The Press-Enterprise Company, along with media partners Comcast Cable Communications and Clear Channel Radio Stations of Riverside/San Bernardino established the Silver Apple Awards, an annual recognition program for Inland Southern California teachers in grades K through 12. More than 1,000 students wrote in to explain why their teacher was "so special," leaving the judges with the difficult task of choosing just 13 winners — one per grade level. After reading the nomination forms and talking to the administrators, students and winning

teachers — it was clear that the judges' choices embodied the best the teaching profession has to offer. To read all about the 2003 Silver Apple Award recipients, please visit our website at www.PE.com/events/apple.

We are privileged to continue this program in 2004 and thank you in advance for participating. Please take a moment to complete the reverse side of this form to help us recognize and reward the 2004 Silver Apple Award winners, teachers that make a difference.

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NOMINATION FORM ON BACK

SILVER APPLE AWARD OFFICIAL RULES

1. No purchase necessary to enter. 2. Any student enrolled in grades kindergarten through 12th grade in an Inland Empire school may enter by including their name, address, phone, the names of their parent(s)/guardian and the teacher being nominated. The student must legibly respond in 100 words or less to this question: "What quality does your favorite teacher have that makes him/her so special?" Illegible, mutilated, incomplete or duplicate entries will be disqualified. 3. Students may nominate more than one teacher; however, each nomination must be mailed on a separate form. The teacher being nominated does NOT have to be the students' current teacher — a student can nominate someone who taught them in previous years. 4. Entries must be signed by the school's administrator (not the teacher) and mailed to: Silver Apple Awards, The Press-Enterprise Company, 3512 Fourteenth Street, Riverside, CA 92501. All entries must be received by Friday, March 5, 2004. No responsibility is assumed for lost, misdirected or late mail. All entries become the property of The Press-Enterprise Company; no entries will be returned. 5. 12 Awards will be presented from grade levels K through 12. Winning teachers will be selected at the sole discretion of a panel of judges selected by the Silver Apple Awards organizing committee. All judges' decisions will be final. 6. By entering or winning this contest, each entrant and award recipient agrees that The Press-Enterprise Company, Comcast Cable Communications, Clear Channel Radio and their affiliates may use their name, likenesses, stories and additional information concerning the entrant and award winner in any promotional activities relating to this contest without further compensation. Award winners must present proper identification and may be required to execute an affidavit of eligibility and release form. No substitution for the prizes or any alterations will be permitted. Taxes on prizes are the sole responsibility of the recipients. 7. Nominations may be made by any Inland Empire student except for those whose parent(s) are employees of The Press-Enterprise Company, Comcast Cable Communications, Clear Channel Radio, their affiliates, subsidiaries and advertising agencies. This offer is void where prohibited and subject to all federal, state and local laws.

NOMINATION FORM

Nominee _____ School _____
School Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ School District _____
Nominated by _____ School _____
(ONE STUDENT PER APPLICATION)

Student's Age _____ Grade _____ Teacher's Grade _____
Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Parent/Guardian _____ Phone _____
School Administrator: _____ Title _____

Administrator's Signature _____

Note: All entries must be signed by a school administrator, preferably the principal (not the teacher being nominated. Decision of the judges is final.)

In 100 words or less, tell us the quality your favorite teacher has that makes him or her so special.
(Illegible nominations will not be considered.)

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Deadline to Receive Nominations: Friday, March 5, 2004
Please Return To: Silver Apple Award, The Press-Enterprise, 3512 14th Street, Riverside, CA 92501
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL (909)368-9330.
Do not fax. Many faxes are illegible and cannot be considered.





Friendly Hills School

March, 2004



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
<div>1</div> <div>Awards Assemblies K, 3-4 @ 9:40, 5-6 @ 10:15 K-2 @ 2:30</div> <div></div>	<div>2</div> <div>Polling Place (Get out and VOTE!)</div> <div></div> <div>BOE @ 7:00 pm</div>	<div>3</div> <div></div>	<div>4</div> <div>1st grade trip to Children's Discovery Museum 9:45-3:20</div> <div></div>
<div>5</div> <div>STAR Training 3-5:15 (MPR)</div>	<div>6</div> <div>GATE trip to P.S. Desert Museum @ 10:00 am</div> <div></div> <div>FHEA Meeting @ 6:30 pm</div>	<div>7</div> <div>Ingress Drill @ 1:55</div> <div>David</div>	<div>8</div> <div>District Science Fair</div> <div></div> <div>David</div>
<div>9</div> <div>Administrative Council for Heath @ 8:00 am</div> <div></div> <div>Staff Meeting @ 3:45</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Certificated Transfer Requests Due</div> <div></div>	<div>11</div> <div>St. Patrick's Day</div> <div></div>	<div>12</div> <div>5th grade trip to Riley's Farm 8:15-3:30</div> <div></div>
<div>13</div> <div></div>	<div>14</div> <div>BOE @ 7:00 pm (LES)</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Family Math Night 7-8 pm</div> <div></div> <div>Site Based Management Council @ 3:45 pm</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Family Reading Rally (Sponsored by MTA)</div> <div></div>
<div>17</div> <div>Secondary Administrative Council (Lib) 1-2 pm</div>	<div>18</div> <div>24</div>	<div>19</div> <div>26</div>	<div>20</div> <div>27</div>
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Tis better by far
at the rainbow's end
to find not gold
but the heart of a friend



